

REMARKS

The Office Action has been carefully studied. The examiner considers the application to contain ten inventions or groups of inventions (Groups 1-10) which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 and requires election of a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Applicants elect Group 9, presently comprising claims 5, 9 and 11, with traverse. Insofar as Groups 7-9 are concerned, traversal is based on the special technical feature of administering a leptin or a homologue or derivative thereof. The inhibitor of angiogenesis, which includes VEGF inhibitors regardless of whether the production or action of VEGF is inhibited, is optional. Accordingly, Groups 7-9 share the same special technical feature. Moreover, as presently amended, the inhibitors of angiogenesis recited in claim 9 encompass VEGF inhibitors (support is found in the specification at page 9, lines 19-23). Withdrawal of the restriction insofar as Groups 7-9 are concerned is therefore respectfully requested.

With regard to the election of species requirement from the species (i)-(xi) of VEGF inhibitors, applicants elect the species of (iv) CSC. It is understood however that upon allowance of a generic claim, i.e., claims 9 and/or 11,

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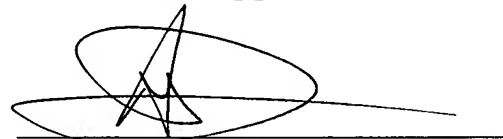
applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to
additional species.

Favorable consideration and allowance are respectfully
solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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